in the country has been projected to be 19.3% in 2006-07. There is no estimate of poverty available for the end of the year 2004-05, since the Planning Commission estimates poverty at national and state level from the large sample survey on Household Consumer Expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years. The latest such survey was conducted in 1999-2000 (NSS 55th Round).

Food and Nutrition Security Watch

4585. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Food and Nutrition Security Watch (FNSW) has been constituted in the Planning Commission for monitoring food availability and access situation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of major food economy programmes which are likely to come under the scanner of FNSW?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) The Food and Nutrition Security Watch (FNSW) is being set up in the Planning Commission. It will bring under its umbrella major programmes on Food and Nutrition covering Public Distribution System (PDS), Food for Work, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and Mid-day Meals. At the end of the year, the Food and Nutrition Security Watch would bring out reports on these Programmes.

Reducing BPL People

† 4586. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a target has been set to bring 50 percent reduction in number of the people living below poverty line up 2015 in the country;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.